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Letter dated 24 May 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have been following the defamatory and objectionable allegations made by the representative of the United States on the Security Council in her remarks during the Council's discussion of cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations. The United States representative claimed that the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) had encountered logistical obstacles, and that the Council had failed to pressure the Government of Sudan into permitting the delivery of hundreds of containers of UNAMID supplies that are languishing in Port Sudan and Darfur. As you are aware, such claims are completely false. We have repeatedly informed the Council of our position on clearing such containers, which is in keeping with our Government's policy of unrestricted cooperation with UNAMID. As you are also aware, the clearance process is an ongoing one. As soon as one shipment of containers is cleared, a new shipment arrives at the port, and we receive requests to clear the new containers. There have frequently been problems with those UNAMID requests, including discrepancies between the contents listed on the documentation and what is actually inside the containers. The United States representative went on to suggest that rather than hosting Sudanese leaders, African Union and United Nations member States should be exerting influence on Khartoum to change course. That was an implicit reference to visits by His Excellency the President of the Republic to African countries. We would like to draw the Council's attention to repeated African Union resolutions in that regard.

We reaffirm the commitment of the Government of the Sudan to full cooperation with UNAMID. We also stress that technical and logistical issues relating to the Mission should be addressed within the framework of the Tripartite Mechanism that was formed by the Government of the Sudan, the United Nations and the African Union in the early stages of the Mission's deployment precisely for the purpose of dealing with such issues.

I should be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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